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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARKS OFFICE**

September 27, 2003

Re: Our File: 11782-01  
Invention: A NEW PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR RAPID AND  
HOMOGENEOUS MIXING OF FLUIDS IN CONTINUOUS  
OPERATIONS  
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Dear Sirs:

Applicant respectfully acknowledges receipt of office action dated April 4, 2003 and responds as follows:

**Extension fee**

Attached is a check of \$ 465 for the extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) for the present patent application.

**Amendment to Claims**

Applicant respectfully requests amendment to the following claims without the addition of new subject matter. Deletions therefrom are shown in square parentheses while additions thereto are underlined.

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